

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Nancy Cedeli, and I live in New Haven, Connecticut. I am in favor of H.B. 6616: AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF HUSKY HEALTH BENEFITS TO THOSE INELIGIBLE DUE TO IMMIGRATION STATUS.

It is important to expand healthcare access to all, regardless of immigration status, because it is important to detect sickness or a disease in time. I am blind, and for me, it has been very difficult to not have access to care. I am losing more of my vision because I am unable to go to the doctor and have consistent follow up appointments. The visits are very expensive.

My daughter is 24 years old, and for some time, she struggled with depression. Because she does not have health insurance, she was unable to get the care she needed. Sometimes, she is sick or needs medicines, but cannot get them.

This legislation would help me and my family and would make me very happy because right now, if there is an emergency, I would be scared to take my daughter to the hospital due to the large bills that we would receive. It would also be great to have access to care to maintain my vision because as of now my vision keeps getting worse.

It would be a great win for us if we felt protected and supported by the system. We would no longer be scared of going to the doctor due to the bills.

I support H.B. 6616, and moving forward, support legislation to expand healthcare for all, regardless of immigration status.

Thank you for your time,

Nancy Cedeli